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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	Initial		Current	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,672	76%	3,518	58%
Analyzed SAKs	1,439	24%	2,593	42%
Total SAKs	**6,111**	**100%**	**6,111**	**100%**

As of December 21, 2009, 2,040 untested SAKs (44 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of December, a total of 141 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results		
Positive Biological Material Screen	606	64%
Negative Biological Material Screen	347	36%
Total Results Received	**953**	**100%**

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

Unknown Suspect	112	18%
Known Suspect	248	41%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	132	22%
Uploaded to CODIS	114	19%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	**606**	**100%**

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the four current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September through December 2009

Month	$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grant	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
September	$0	$302,172	$16,599	$18,923	**$337,694**
October	$150	$201,770	$9,964	$22,610	**$234,494**
November	$65,201	$73,880	$0	$50,592	**$189,673**
December	$10,900	$159,305	$0	$0	**$170,205**
Totals	**$76,251**	**$737,127**	**$26,563**	**$92,125**	**$932,066**

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, two individuals were selected from the current certification list. Both are currently undergoing background investigations. The new Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) Crime Laboratory Director, Dean M. Gialamas, will arrive on January 11, 2010, and will be consulted on the hiring and assignment of the three remaining criminalists, which are being filled through an open and continuous examination process. A supervising criminalist promotional examination was announced and applications were accepted through December 17, 2009.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Department continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of December, a total of 23 SAKs

were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 490 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	123	44	167
Pending Assignment	1	322	323
Total	**124**	**366**	**490**

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 76 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 76 cases, 53 are currently under investigation. Twenty-three cases are closed: 5 resulted in criminal filings, 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to Parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 11 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 6 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,

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